PATENT FINAL

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. :

10/809,848

Confirmation No. 8123

Applicant:

Atsushi FUKUI et al.

Filed

March 26, 2004

TC/A.U.

1745

Examiner

Angela J. Martin

Dkt. No.

MAM-040

Cust. No. :

20374

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted on January 18, 2007, to the United States Patent and Trademark Office to facsimile number (571)273-8300

simile number (5/1)27.3-830

Ronald J. Kubovcik

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 18, 2007

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration and removal of the rejections of the claims is requested in view of the remarks that follow.

P:\01-07\mam-040-pto-resp-116 wpd